

Wheatland Farm Complex (Jones Farm)  
Road 432, .8 miles west of the junction  
with Road 435  
Mount Pleasant Vicinity  
New Castle County  
Delaware

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Delaware	COUNTY New Castle	TOWN OR VICINITY Mount Pleasant vicinity
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Wheatland Farm Complex (Beers' <u>Atlas of Delaware</u> , 1868)		HABS NO. DE-220
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Jones Farm (Beers' <u>Atlas of Delaware</u> , 1868).		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Road 432, .8 miles west of Road 435		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Mid 19th century (construction)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Wheatland Farm complex represents an intact group of mid 19th-century agricultural buildings including a bank barn (without an embankment), storage sheds, cart shed, and granary.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Braced frame with post-and-rail construction; vertical board siding; rubble foundations		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The complex is arranged in range running west to east from barn to granary.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Although these buildings could not be classified by a stylistic period they do incorporate such details as small louvered Italianate cupolas. These elements were imported ready-made from architectural elements manufacturies in nearby Baltimore, Philadelphia and Wilmington.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Of the buildings in the complex the most notable for interior finish is the two-level barn built in the style of a bank barn. Doors on the north side opened onto a ground level aisle flanked by stalls (ground level) and hay mows open to the roof (upper level).		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The buildings appear much as they did when built in the mid 1800s. Modern dairying facilities were added to the west end of the barn in the mid 20th century. The granary was demolished in the summer of 1982.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The barn, cart shed (framed on earth fast posts and rubble stone rear foundation walls), and storage sheds continue in use for general storage.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The fabric of the demolished granary was found to be composed of reused materials from an older braced-frame, stud-walled building (probably a dwelling) which had chamfered ceiling beams.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Cultural Resource Survey, DE. Bureau of Archaeology and Historic Preservation; D.G. Beers, <u>Atlas of the State of Delaware</u> , 1868.		
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